

most notable for almost singlehandedly bringing electricity to the town of Marion in the 1920s.

In a time of heavy racial violence, Isadore Banks became an inspiration to the whole community, and something of a political leader. His strength and courage in the face of these challenging times, and his compassion for the plight of his fellow man will serve as a reminder to us all—that we should never carry hate in our hearts, but always love in our actions.

My blessings and prayers go to Isadore's family. We shall never forget him.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF
NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to recognize the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and its members for their outstanding community service, and to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization at its 52nd annual meeting, which will take place at the Bernard and Estelle Marcus Jewish Federation Community Building on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is a local branch of the larger Jewish Federations of North America. The Jewish Federations of North America has directed its humanitarian efforts toward improving the social conditions of Jews and non-Jews throughout the world since 1940. Currently, this organization serves 155 communities across North America. The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, in conjunction with its national and international partners, puts forth significant support toward rescue, relief, and development programs that serve Jewish communities in need in over 60 countries, including Israel, the former Soviet Union, Latin America, Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana's long tradition of community service and involvement in the life of Northwest Indiana is to be commended. This organization continues to support many local organizations through its endowment program and is committed to charity work, helping many in need. The charity programs operated by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, for which many members have been honored, include the Food Pantry Drive, Shelter Needs, the Holiday Gift Drive, the Adult Friendship Program, the School Backpack Drive, the Senior Retreat, the High School Prom Dress Drive, the JCY Camp, Movie Night, and K'Ton Ton, its preschool program. The people of Northwest Indiana certainly have been rewarded by the service and uncompromising loyalty displayed by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and its members. I congratulate the community service award winners, as they are worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana for its exceptional service and dedication to not only the Northwest Indiana community, but communities worldwide. The

members of this truly outstanding organization continue to touch the lives of countless people, and for their unselfish, lifelong commitment, they are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN PARKER
GRIFFITH FOR HIS SERVICE TO
NORTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished service of my colleague and friend, Congressman PARKER GRIFFITH, who has tirelessly represented the people of Alabama's Tennessee Valley region during the 111th Congress.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, PARKER GRIFFITH spent much of his career in medicine before turning to public service later in life. In 1970, he earned his medical degree from the Louisiana State University Medical School and served in residency at the University of Texas' M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

His medical career includes the LSU Service Charity Hospital in New Orleans and the University of Texas Medical Branch, UTMB, in Galveston, Texas. Dr. GRIFFITH also served as a Medical Corps captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1970 to 1973, before later moving to north Alabama.

Dr. GRIFFITH was the first radiation oncologist in north Alabama and a pioneer in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer. He established the first Comprehensive Cancer Center in north Alabama to treat all types of cancer. As a physician, he provided free and discounted care to patients without insurance.

PARKER retired from medicine in December 1992, and with his wife, Virginia, he co-founded the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards cash grants to elementary school libraries in northern Alabama. Since its establishment in 2005, the foundation has donated over \$50,000 to area schools.

Dr. GRIFFITH's political career began in 2006 when he won a seat in the Alabama State Senate, representing the 7th district, including the Huntsville area. During his term in the State Senate, he worked to improve Alabama's healthcare system, lower taxes and expand early childhood education programs.

In 2008, Dr. GRIFFITH was elected to Congress, representing Alabama's Fifth Congressional District. In the U.S. House, he was selected as a member the influential Energy and Commerce Committee, widely considered one of the three most powerful in the House of Representatives. He also served on the Oversight and Investigations, Energy and Environment and Communications, and Technology and the Internet subcommittees.

During his time in Congress, Dr. GRIFFITH advocated for NASA and the Marshall Space Flight Center, Redstone Arsenal and the TVA—all vital to his district. He also proudly voted to lower taxes, invest in education and create jobs.

As PARKER and his wife, Virginia, leave public service for now and return to Alabama full time, I thank them on behalf of the people of Alabama for their esteemed service and I wish both of them the very best.

SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL
HISTORIC PARK STUDY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SECTION 1.—SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK STUDY.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range-San Luis Valley region of Southern Colorado contains some of Colorado's oldest communities and examples of America's rich Spanish-Hispanic history, culture and traditions.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize a study to determine the most effective ways to preserve, protect and interpret the Spanish-Hispanic historic and cultural resources associated with the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range-San Luis Valley region of Southern Colorado.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a special resource study of sites along or within the vicinity of the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway in the San Luis Valley to determine whether any such sites may be suitable for inclusion in the National Park System. Sites for study may include, but not be limited to, the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center, San Luis, Costilla County, Colorado; the Sociedad Proteccion Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU) building, Antonito, Conejos County, Colorado; the Fort Garland Museum, Fort Garland, Costilla County, Colorado; and the Denver & Rio Grande Antonito Depot, Antonito, Conejos County, Colorado.

(d) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national and international significance of these sites, including—

(A) the history of communities under Spanish rule from 1598 through 1821;

(B) the history of communities under Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date of conclusion of the Mexican American War; and

(C) the post-1848 history of the area under United States' rule including the first non-native American settlements, and the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating sites as units of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of these sites by federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

(4) consult with interested federal, State, or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—